



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: Sioux Lookout Council Supports AMO Resolution Social and Economic Prosperity Review

SUBMITTED BY: The Municipality of Sioux Lookout

YEAR: 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout passed the following at its March 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS current provincial- municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;



WHEREAS property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout urges the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout requests that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; MPP Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

CONVENTION ACTION

Concurrence_____

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Concurrence as Amended_____

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Non-Concurrence_____

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